

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3544 - HB 3917

March 4, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands eligibility for temporary assistance services to include a family in which a dependent child resides in the state with a legal guardian.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$100,000/One-Time
\$504,000/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- There will be a one-time increase in expenditures of \$100,000 to perform modifications to the ACCENT and VIP system including analysis, design, and testing of each system.
- The Department of Human Services estimates at least 100 families would qualify under the proposed eligibility category.
- The average monthly grant is \$170 which will result in an increase in expenditures of \$2,040 per family per year ($\$170 \times 12$).
- Families will also receive child care services. The average per child cost for child care services is approximately \$3,000 per year. The fiscal impact is based on one child per family.
- It is estimated that expanding the eligibility category will result in an increase in expenditures of \$504,000 [$(\$3,000 + \$2,040) \times 100$].
- The Families First program is funded with a temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) federal block grant. These funds are obligated to provide services at the current level and the state is not able to draw additional federal funds. Expanding eligibility will result in the need for additional state funds or a decrease in the current level of services provided to recipients.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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